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## Therapeutic Riding at 30

Centreville residents are among the participants.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP) celebrated 30 years of service, Sept. 19, honored people who've helped along the way and announced a major contribution toward its purchase of Little Full Cry Farm in Clifton, where the program operates.

"We have an opportunity to preserve a way of life, plus the beauty of the land at Popes Head and Clifton roads," said NVTRP Board of Governors Chairman Rhonda VanLowe. "And we've just received a \$1 million gift from the O'Shaughnessy-Hurst Memorial Foundation, which cares about children's health, animal welfare and the environment."

She shared the good news during the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary jubilee in Clifton. The nonprofit NVTRP provides horseback-riding opportunities to children and adults with disabilities, at-risk youth and



Ryan Shank-Rowe of Centreville enjoys riding a horse, with help from some NVTRP volunteers.

veterans in an inclusive, community setting. And since the organization focuses on each rider's ability, rather than disability, the results have been increased mobility, socialization and a sense of belonging.

"This is about empowerment and dignity," said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). "When a person gets on a horse, it can be a transforming experi-

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## Firework Leads To Death, Jail

Man found guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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When Centreville's Kyle Guthrie tossed a firework into the air from a moving pickup truck, last summer, he didn't expect a person sitting near him to jump out of the vehicle when the lit firework fell back in the truck bed where they were sitting.

But when Oak Hill's Dennis Ray Ross Jr., 19, jumped out, hit his head on the road and subsequently

died, Guthrie was charged with involuntary manslaughter. And last Thursday, Sept. 23, following a two-day trial in Loudoun County — where the tragedy occurred — a jury found Guthrie guilty and recommended jail time and a fine.

"There's no suggestion that Guthrie intended to cause Ross's death, but his criminal negligence let to it," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Stephen Sincavage. When the firework landed near Ross, said the prosecutor, he took "evasive action to protect himself from injury."

The night of July 18-19, 2009, five 19-year-olds — all Westfield High grads and athletes — were traveling on Donegal Drive near Mandeville Drive in South Riding.

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## 'I Just Wanted Him Held Accountable'

Ross's mother talks about her son.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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Although a jury recommended Kyle Guthrie receive just five days in jail for involuntarily causing her son's death last summer, Jean Ross says it's OK with her.

"I didn't expect the boy to do a lot of jail time," she said. "I just wanted him held accountable for his actions."

Ross's son Dennis, 19, jumped from a truck bed into which a lighted firework thrown by Guthrie, also 19, landed near him. Dennis struck his head on the road and died, six days later.

Until then, said his mother, he was "a happy kid, with a smile that lit up a room. He was also a guy's guy who loved sports and playing video games." A 2008 Westfield

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## Child-Molester Sentenced to Prison

His victims were young, piano students.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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Once upon a time, there were three, little girls who took piano lessons in Centreville. Happy and trusting, they had no reason to believe the husband of their teacher would molest them — until he did.

"Their ages were 9, 8 and 11," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Greg Holt during George Desmond Copping's sentencing last Friday for committing indecent acts as a person in a custodial relationship. "They'd gone to his home to learn something beautiful — how to play piano — but what



Copping

came about was a stealing of their futures."

Making matters worse, said his victims, Sept. 24, in Fairfax County Circuit Court, was that — while they were left shattered and traumatized to deal with the devastating aftermath of what he'd done to them — Copping was living the high life. For the next 12 years, he traveled the world, climbed mountains, wrote books and made a name for himself as an adventurer.

But all that came to an end when his victims grew up and reported the abuse, police issued warrants for his arrest and he was finally apprehended when he tried returning to the U.S. And last Friday, Judge

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## NEWS



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### Road-side Memorial

The local community is mourning the death of Virginia Run's Bo Rupp, 15, who was struck by a car Saturday night, Sept. 25, around 8:11 p.m., at Pleasant Valley Road and Smithhaven Place in Virginia Run. Fairfax County police say a 44-year-old man was driving a 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser SUV north on Pleasant Valley when he saw another vehicle in front of him make an abrupt U-turn and stop in the roadway. The driver of the Cruiser then felt an impact and stopped his vehicle. He discovered that he'd struck the Westfield High sophomore, who police say was reportedly sitting in the roadway. Rupp was Medevaced to Inova Fairfax Hospital with life-threatening injuries and died Sunday, Sept. 26, around 9:20 p.m.

## Two Plead Guilty to Gold Thefts

**D**agoberto Soto-Ramirez, 27, of New York, N.Y., pleaded guilty on Tuesday, Sept. 21, to conspiring to steal at least \$500,000 worth of gold and other valuables from 37 homes in Northern Virginia and take it back to New York.

He entered his plea in U.S. District Court in Alexandria before Judge Leonie M. Brinkema. He and his wife, Melinda Marie Soto, 34 — who's also involved in the crime — are both slated for sentencing the same day, Dec. 3. A federal grand jury indicted Soto-Ramirez on July 15 and, now that he's been convicted, he could receive as much as five years in prison.

According to court records, from January to November 2009, Soto-Ramirez and at least two others — Soto, plus Francisco Gray, 40, both from New York — agreed to travel to Northern Virginia to burglarize residences belonging to South Asians, whom they believed kept large amounts of gold in their homes.

Soto-Ramirez admitted that he helped find the names and addresses of potential victims, posed as a service man when approaching target residences and, if no one answered, would break into the homes to search them for gold, jewelry, computers and other property.

Soto-Ramirez further admitted that he and his conspirators burglarized more than three dozen residences in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties during 2009 and transported the stolen property to New York, where they sold it.

Soto pleaded guilty to conspiracy on Sept. 17; Gray remains a fugitive at large. This case was investigated by the Fairfax County Police Department, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the FBI's Washington Field Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael E. Rich and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul Rosen are the prosecutors.

— BONNIE HOBBS

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## ROUNDUPS

### Police Link Recent Burglaries

Fairfax County police have linked an additional 21 incidents they believe have been committed by the same suspect responsible for a series of burglaries and larcenies across the county. Thirteen additional burglaries and at least 13 other related incidents — such as larcenies from vehicles, suspicious persons and suspicious noises — were reported to police in the last week, and detectives believe the same suspect is responsible. These numbers continue to change on a daily basis as reports are investigated.

Two handguns are among the items stolen from vehicles, so residents should be extremely cautious. Police stress that the suspect makes entry through unlocked doors and windows, so locking up may be the best deterrent.

Police further warn residents to lock their vehicles and not leave items of value or garage-door openers inside unattended vehicles. When returning home, try not to leave purses, cash or keys near an entryway. Promote safety by using the home's exterior lights. Residents noticing suspicious persons or activity should call the police at 703-691-2131.

### Caregiver Seminars Coming Up

Fairfax County's free Seminars for Caregivers series offers several presentations to help family caregivers of older adults, and adults with disabilities, throughout the county. Speakers include experts in law, insurance, care management, finances and community resources. Register at [caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-5205, TTY 711.

Keep tabs on upcoming caregiver support groups and seminars at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/OlderAdultServices/events.htm>. The following seminars are offered at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly:

- ◆ Legal Tools for Caregivers – Thursday, Sept. 30, from 7-9 p.m. Family caregivers may need to make legal and health-care decisions for a loved one. Topics include durable power of attorney, trusts, guardianship and advanced medical directives.

- ◆ Caregiving 101 – Thursday, Oct. 7, from 7-9 p.m. People beginning the journey of caregiving will learn about resources and obtain helpful information. The speaker will be Norine Swaminatha with the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area.

### Meeting about Local Parks

As part of its long-range, park-system planning process, the Fairfax County Park Authority is soliciting public comments about the parks in the Sully and Springfield districts. Toward that end, a meeting is slated for Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m., in rooms 106-107 of the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway in Fair Oaks.

Residents are invited to view the draft plan and share their thoughts at the "Great Parks, Great Communities" project Web page: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/greatparks.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/greatparks.htm). Fill out and submit the online comment form or send comments directly to [parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov). Input will be accepted through Nov. 15.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Oct. 7 and Oct. 21, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the proper use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

### Fire Station Open Houses

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 3-9, so all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations will be holding open houses, Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. There'll be activities and displays for the whole family, and firefighters and EMTs will be on hand to answer questions. Locally, participating fire stations include Centreville's Station 17 on Old Centreville Road, West Centreville's Station 38 at Stone Road and ODay Drive, Chantilly's Station 15 on Walney Road and Fair Oaks's Station 21 on Route 50.

## NEWS

# 30 Years of Therapeutic Riding

FROM PAGE 1

ence. It makes a difference in people's lives." After all, he continued, "It's worth investing in people's lives, and I congratulate you all."

NVTRP has five instructors with 20 years combined experience, 12 horses and 750 volunteers donating nearly 13,000 hours/year. There are 85-90 riders and 12-15 sessions/week. But through community outreach — other nonprofits serving the program's constituents — the number of riders often reaches 175.

One of them, Sean McGinnis, 22, grew up in Centreville's Cabell's Mill community. He has ADHD, a seizure disorder he's mostly outgrown and progressive developmental delay — which is on the autism spectrum — and has ridden with, volunteered for and donated to NVTRP for five years.

"This program is great; it's helped me a lot," he said. "It's one of the best things that ever happened to me. I'll never forget my first lesson; they took me off the lead line and I had almost no clue what to do. But they told me I'd be fine, and I was, because the horse was trained."

After that, McGinnis learned to ride well, but hopes to keep improving. "I want to have fun and learn more," he said. "Being on a horse and being able to ride is great because it helps me with my coordination and body strength."

Happy to be at NVTRP's 30<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebration, he said, "I've seen some of the miracles that happen because of this program. There were people who started from scratch and were in worse shape than me. One of them, a boy with cerebral palsy, is an independent rider now."

Another local participant is 8-year-old Ryan Shank-Rowe of Centreville's Sully Station community. He has autism and has been riding almost a year. "It gives him a sense of community, a sense of normalcy," said his mom, Donna Shank-Rowe. "And it seems to make him at peace with himself."

She said Ryan has many sensory issues, so "being on a horse helps him with language, being able to focus and following directions. He doesn't get to do a lot of sports or individual activities; so to him, it's not therapy, it's fun — and that's a beautiful thing."

But for her, she said, it is therapy. "It's magic, sitting on a beautiful farm and watching him able to do things," said Shank-Rowe. "It's as if his disability goes away for a bit, and his self-esteem is beaming. He's surrounded by volunteers, so he feels loved, respected and cared for."

Ryan's had three, different instructors since he's been there, and his mom says they teach him on every level. "They don't look at his dis-



Rider Sean McGinnis, left, of Centreville with Clifton Mayor Bill Hollaway.

PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

**"I've seen some of the miracles that happen."**

— Sean McGinnis, rider and volunteer

ability, and in the short time he's been there, he's come so far. He's trotting, independently holding the reins and following complex instructions. His instructor said he's a natural — he was born to be on a horse. And we're very blessed to be here. They're very special people — people with a calling."

Shank-Rowe said riding horses has also helped with Ryan's other therapies, his academic skills and his ability to relate to others. "Every other child has routines and activities, and this is his little niche," she said. "It's therapy, but he doesn't know it; it's just a good time. They create an environment where it feels natural."

The NVTRP had its roots in the Fairfax 4H Therapeutic Riding Program, and Clifton's Jacque Trefry was part of it. Describing the program as a "backyard startup," Trefry recalled, "We used neighbors' riding ranges and loaned horses walked in from the neighborhood. We started with two students, and I was one of a few instructors. Then a new group came in and began this group; it's wonderful to see how it's grown."

Also pleased, NVTRP Executive Director Breeana Bornhorst said the program has flourished for 30 years "because of amazing individuals coming together for a common goal — making a positive difference in the quality of life for our riders."

Calling NVTRP an important part of the greater Clifton community, Clifton Mayor Bill Hollaway said, "There's no more valuable asset than someone's time, and we look forward to working with you in the future, as well. Congratulations on your 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we look forward to 30 more."

State Sen. George Barker (D-39) also wished the group well, saying, "Keep doing a great job; we know you will."

All in all, said VanLowe, "Our journey has been about our riders — their accomplishments and their joys — and we cherish each and every one. There's no limit to what they can achieve and to what NVTRP can become."

To donate or for more information, visit [www.nvtrp.org](http://www.nvtrp.org), or contact Bornhorst at 703-764-0269 or [info@nvtrp.org](mailto:info@nvtrp.org).

# Ross's Mother Talks about Her Son

FROM PAGE 1

High grad, he played cornerback on the Bulldogs' 2007 varsity football team that won the state championship.

Dennis was also leaving, that Monday, for Marine boot camp. "He'd wanted to join the Marines since he was in fourth grade and was excited about going into the infantry," said Ross. "He wanted to protect our country."

Still, after graduation, his mom asked him to think about it for a year before signing the final papers. He did so and spent his time working at UPS, running and working out at a gym. But at last, the big day was about to arrive and Dennis was saying goodbye to his friends.

Ironically, Guthrie wasn't one of them; he'd been invited on the joyriding/firework-

throwing outing by one of the three, other boys who went with them.

"What are the odds — the night before he's planning on leaving — that something like this would happen?" asked Ross. "It takes the air out of your lungs. I have a hole in my heart — it's broken. I sometimes wake up thinking, 'Did this really happen?'"

**"I have a hole in my heart — it's broken."**

— Jean Ross, Dennis Ross's mother

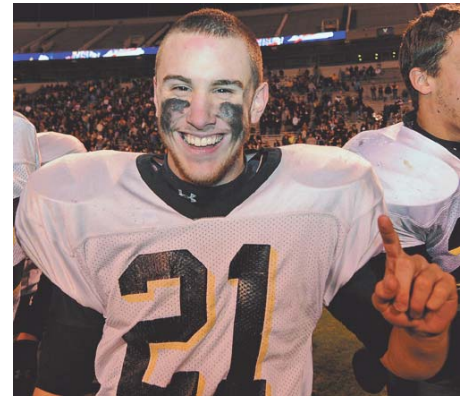
Now, she and her husband Dennis Sr. have had to adjust to life without their firstborn child. But, she said, "My two other sons, Mack, 17, and Sean, 15, keep me going. I

have to be strong for them; that's how I get through each day. Our family unit has changed and we've become closer, in a different way."

Furthermore, said Ross, "We've been so blessed. Friends, family and the Westfield community have been there for us — teachers, administrators and the football staff."

In that last year, she said, "Dennis had grown and become a young man, an adult. The week before he was leaving for boot camp, he and I sat up late one night, on the porch, just chatting. I got to tell him how proud I was of him that he achieved his goal and was going into the Marines. So I have some form of comfort that I was able to say what I wanted to say to him."

Now, Ross has another reason to be proud of her son. After his death, she said, "He donated his organs and helped save the lives



Dennis Ray Ross Jr.

of four people. I look at it this way: That was the saddest night of my life — and probably the happiest night of someone else's. So Dennis lives on, and he always will."

# Guthrie Found Guilty of Involuntary Manslaughter

FROM PAGE 1

Johnny Pickett was driving and Billy Sampson was in the passenger seat. In the truck bed were Guthrie, behind Pickett; Brendan McDonald, behind Sampson; and Ross, with his back to the tailgate.

"They'd brought a good number of fireworks with them from Billy's house, plus alcohol," said Sincavage. "Rescue was called and found Dennis on the ground, with labored breathing and bleeding from the head. He was taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he died, July 25, from blunt force trauma to the head, after life-support measures were removed."

**"Guthrie's actions set off a chain of events."**

— Stephen Sincavage, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

Initially, said Sincavage, Guthrie and the others told authorities the truck had swerved and Ross fell out, but later admitted they'd lied because they were scared. "Guthrie said he wanted to pop a firework over Brendan's head," said the prosecutor. "But it was thrown in the direction of travel and came down between Brendan's legs, and Dennis jumped out. This case is an accident, but it's up to you [the jury] to determine whether there's criminal liability."

Co-defense attorney Anthony Moscato said the loss of a child "is one of epic proportions. What makes this even worse was its senseless nature. The jury should look at the whole evening and the actions of all

five boys who engaged in — as my daughter says — 'stupid, boy stuff.'"

Furthermore, he said, "Kyle wasn't the major participant. Pickett was drinking and driving, Sampson provided the fireworks and got everyone together, and Brendan provided the beer. Had the fireworks and alcohol not been provided, this might not have happened." Moscato also wondered why Ross, who was slated to leave for Marine Corps boot camp, that Monday, was so frightened by a "small firework."

Ross's father, Dennis Ray Ross Sr., said his son was saying good bye to Pickett before leaving for Parris Island, S.C. They, McDonald and Sampson had played football together at Westfield. He said Dennis didn't drink or do drugs and was in perfect health. The next time he saw him was in the hospital. Said Ross: "The doctors told us he'd never recover, so we removed him from life support."

McDonald — who'd also thrown fireworks that night over the side of the truck, with Guthrie — testified that they'd all left Sampson's house, with fireworks and beer, to see their friend Nick in South Riding. "Johnny was driving, and we were drinking beer I'd taken from my house," said McDonald. "We lit off fireworks — mainly bottle rockets — on a golf course near Nick's house. Nick wasn't home, so we lit some fireworks on his car."

Minutes later, back in the truck, McDonald said Guthrie threw the M-88 firework that landed between his [McDonald's] legs. "I saw Dennis shift from the passenger's to the driver's side, by the tailgate, but I was looking at the firework so I wouldn't get burned," said McDonald. "It was on fire and was spinning. I tried to stomp it out, but it went out on its own; and when I looked up, Dennis had gone."

"I didn't think he'd been hurt," said McDonald. "We told Johnny to turn around so we could pick him up." Co-defense attorney Francis Minor asked if Ross had tried to stop McDonald or Guthrie from

lighting the fireworks, and McDonald said no.

Pickett testified that, after they called 911, "We didn't know what to do about the fireworks and alcohol in the truck, so we put them down the sewer. We didn't know how serious Dennis's injuries were, and we panicked because we didn't want to get into trouble for having alcohol and illegal fireworks." Under questioning from Minor, Pickett said everyone but Ross had been drinking.

Loudoun County Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Solon said he saw the beer and fireworks in the gutter, and Investigator Brian Kennedy with the Fire Marshal's Office said M-88s, also called "jumping jacks," have "more fire powder than a firecracker and wildly jump and move while lit."

Sheriff's Deputy Richard Garris said Guthrie told him the firework he threw "went up about 20 feet and landed back in the truck bed. [Guthrie] said Dennis overreacted, said, 'Oh, sh\*\*' and jumped out of the vehicle, which was moving 20-30 mph."

In his closing argument, Sincavage said Guthrie threw the firework in the middle of a residential neighborhood, showing "disregard for the other people in the vehicle. Guthrie's actions set off a chain of events that should have been foreseeable to him. Until the moment that firework landed in the truck bed, no others had; so [until then], Ross had no reason to fear for his safety."

"When Guthrie said Dennis 'overreacted,' the 'over' is Guthrie's opinion," continued Sincavage. "The 'reaction' was Dennis's response to Guthrie's action, so it was causally related."

Moscato, however, said Guthrie wasn't solely responsible, and that "all five, young men participated — either by direct action or by complying — in the firework throwing. We can set cause anywhere we like; it's a broader picture. It's pure happenstance that it was Guthrie's firework that blew back in; it could just as easily have been McDonald's."

Moscato said the firework landed closer to McDonald and he didn't flee the truck, so he doubted Guthrie could have foreseen Ross's exit because of it. All night, said Moscato, Ross hadn't objected to the fireworks, "nor given any indication of fear."

But, countered Sincavage, "Guthrie should have known that throwing a lit firework could have caused serious injury or death to someone else. Why would you jump from a moving truck? If you suddenly thought you were in danger."

The jury of five women and seven men deliberated nearly five hours over two days before finding Guthrie guilty of both involuntary manslaughter and unlawful use of fireworks. The jurors recommended he receive a \$2,500 fine for each charge, plus five days in jail for involuntary manslaughter.

**"Had the fireworks and alcohol not been provided, this might not have happened."**

— Anthony Moscato, co-defense attorney

Afterward, Minor said, "There's no winner in this. One young man is dead and I have nothing but the deepest sympathy for his family." He said the felony conviction will follow Guthrie for the rest of his life, but he was pleased that the jury seemed thoughtful, listened carefully to the "facts and factors" of the case and took a great deal of time deliberating.

Judge James Chamblin set sentencing for Jan. 6, 2011.

# NEWS

## Child Care Employee Arrested

A man suspected of sexually assaulting a 4-year-old girl at a Centreville child-care center has been arrested as he reportedly tried to flee the country.

He is Siyamand Salehzadeh, 22, of Lavenham Court in Manassas.

Fairfax County police were summoned to the Minnieland day care center at 14415 Compton Village Drive in Centreville to investigate allegations that Salehzadeh had assaulted the girl there on Sept.

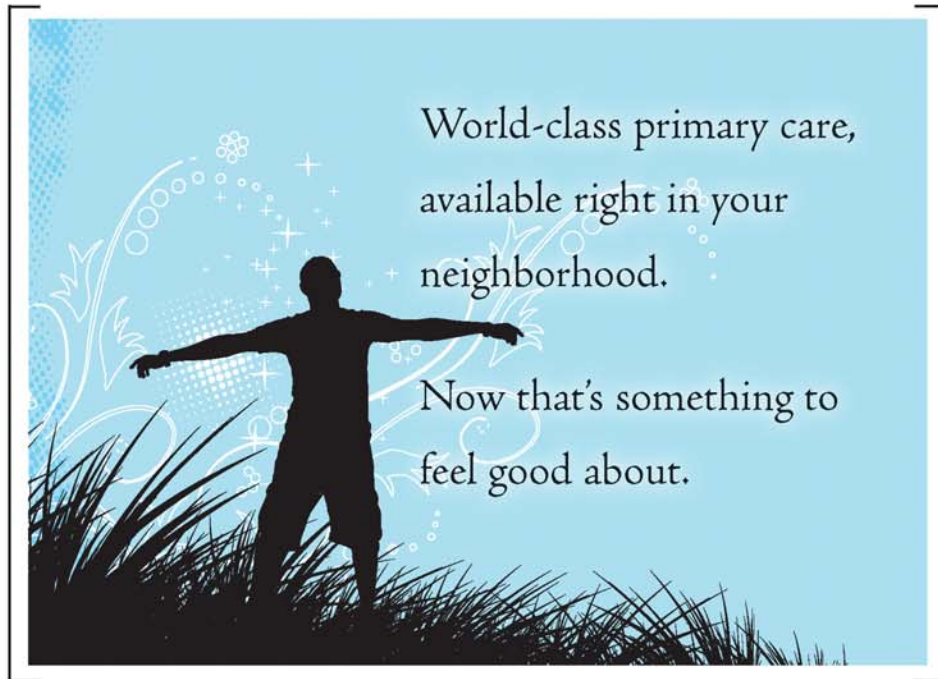
21. Three days later, last Friday, Sept. 24, police obtained a warrant charging him with sodomy.

"However, before we could serve it, he'd fled the country," said police spokeswoman Tawny Wright. But, since all arrest warrants are entered into a federal data base, Salehzadeh was detained in New York State as he attempted to enter Canada.

"U.S. Border Patrol notified us of his arrest," said Wright. "He's

now in the custody of New York State Police until he can be extradited back here." She said that process can take anywhere from a few days to a month. At press time, Salehzadeh was still awaiting extradition to Fairfax County.

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# Teacher-Author Helps in Re-emergence of Accordion

By SENITRA MCCOMBS  
CENTRE VIEW

From the age of 6 or 7, Karen Malan Uribe has been playing the accordion under the tutelage of her father and accordionist Allan Malan at his music studio in Dearborn, Michl.

That is until she brought her first Elvis Presley album. However, she

picked it back up 11 years later and now the London Towne Elementary teacher turned author is helping to revive its image among younger generations.

In 2009, Uribe published "An Accordion! What Is That?" along with the help of her friends illustrator Joan Geller Grauman and narrator /accordionist Mary Tokarski.

To get a copy, e-mail Grauman at joangrauman@comcast.net or call 1-301-279-8716.

Uribe decided to write the book after seeing the enthusiasm and hearing the questions from her students when she would use the instrument to help teach writing and English.

"The idea came from them really — wanting to know what the

accordion was and how it worked," she said.

Moreover, she was driven by a need to find an "easy nonfiction book" her third grade ESOL students could read and understand.

"I really became a writer out of a sense of need," she said.

While Uribe wrote the book for a 1st or 2nd grade level, she says that older children can also learn

a lot about music theory because of the notes on the side of the page.

"I hope that they'll want to pick up an accordion after reading the book ... That it peaks their interest in music and learning how to care for instruments," she said.

Overall the response to the book has been favorable. The three friends are currently doing workshop presentations on the accordion using their book.

Recently, they did a workshop for 40 children from the Milton Hershey School during which Uribe led an interactive accordion demonstration with the help of a local accordion school that donated five little 12 base accordions.

"They loved it. They came in and sat down and really paid attention to everything we did. And then afterwards, we had them try out the accordions. They tried them all," she said.

According to Grauman, "Karen's ability to work with children is amazing. She was able to get them to focus and get their attention when their little minds would wander. It was really fun."

Currently they are trying to schedule a workshop for London Towne Elementary for November.

From the moment she thought of doing a children's book on accordions more than two years ago, Uribe knew it wasn't something she could do alone.

So while at a convention with Tokarski and Grauman, she asked them if they would help her bring her vision to reality.

They agreed. "It was really rewarding working together as a group. Making sure the pictures and music went with the words and all of it fit together in a good marriage," Uribe said.

Illustrator Grauman added, "I learned a lot about the accordion doing this book."

Grauman was responsible for the book's main character a bumblebee named Buzz Tremble.

"I would draw a bug or two and the bug that they would laugh at would be the one that I put into the book. He had to be cute so the children would enjoy him and the book," she said.

While Uribe acknowledges the editing and researching was a bit challenging, her work writing short educational books for Fairfax County Public Schools' curriculum helped her with the structure.

Her first book, "Learn and Laugh with Music" was an instructional

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# Parents of Pedophile's Victims Speak Out

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**A**fter the man who molested their daughters was sentenced to prison, the parents of two of his victims expressed relief that he'll finally be behind bars. They also shared some of the pain their children have suffered because of George Desmond Copping.

"My daughter got many piano trophies before this happened," said girl one's mother. "But afterward, she hated the piano."

"She won't touch the piano anymore,"

added her father. "She had personality changes and became distant from our family and angry with her brother and sister."

He called Copping a "beguiling man who beguiled us when she told us what he'd done. Our other two kids were there [during the lessons], so we didn't believe her; we thought her siblings were harassing her."

She's now 19, in college and doing her best to come to put what happened behind her. But, said her father, as she grew up, "It became more obvious how serious this was." Things reached a head "when she attempted suicide in January 2009 and again this Janu-

ary, and [the past sexual abuse] came out in the psychiatric evaluation. So we went to the Sully District Police Station and filed a report."

Regarding Copping's 18-month prison sentence, her mother said, "I think he deserves it. I wish he'd have gotten 10 years for the 10 years she's suffered."

Agreeing, girl one said, "I'm glad he's going to prison, but I wish he'd rot in there for the rest of his life. And I'm glad they're deporting him to Canada because I don't want to see him around my neighborhood. I feel like it's over now."

The father of girl two said that, although

all three victims took piano lessons from Copping, "None of the girls knew each other to ever discuss what had happened to them," so they were unaware Copping was touching anyone else besides them. Said the dad: "They only saw each other at recitals."

Praising the police, he said, "We should be very glad for the law enforcement we have — that they pursue cases and justice can be gotten. People should come forward when they suspect anything. People are free, moral agents and should be held accountable for their actions, irregardless of their other attributes."

## Child-Molester Copping Is Sentenced to Prison

FROM PAGE 1

Terrence Ney sentenced Copping, now 71, to 1 and a half years in prison. After that, he'll be deported to Canada, since he's a Canadian citizen.

In February 2009, a 17-year-old girl told police that Copping had sexually abused her when she was 7 and 8 years old. She said the abuse occurred from April 1998 to April 1999 during her weekly piano lessons at Copping's former home in the 5700 block of Wood Creek Lane in Sully Station.

Police investigated and discovered a second person, now 19, who also said Copping abused her, under the same circumstances, from December 2000 through January 2001. She was 11 years old at the time.

**"He made [these] girls feel powerless, vulnerable and violated."**

—Greg Holt,  
Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

Warrants were obtained for Copping's arrest, charging him with three counts of aggravated sexual battery — two in connection with the 7-year-old and one in connection with the 11-year-old.

Then in January of this year, a 19-year-old woman reported that, when she was 8 and took piano lessons from Copping's wife, Copping abused her sexually, from February 1999 to February 2000, during her weekly piano lessons. So police charged Copping with two additional counts of aggravated sexual battery.

Copping, however, was living in Australia, so authorities couldn't arrest him until he re-entered the country. That happened Sept. 17, 2009, when he was apprehended at the airport while traveling through Los Angeles.

His case kept being continued in court and two of his charges were dismissed. Then on June 14 in Circuit Court, he pleaded guilty to two, reduced charges of committing an indecent act by a person in a custodial relationship.

Copping's sentencing Friday was emotionally charged, beginning with the testimony of three victims who'd submitted victim-impact statements, but also wanted to address the court. To protect their identities, Centre View will refer to them as girls one, two and three.

Girl one said she still has trouble sleeping at night because of Copping's actions. "I wish I would have turned him in sooner so he wouldn't have affected other girls," she said. "I've had depression since this happened. I felt mad that he wasn't in jail — and pretty disgusted."

"What bothers me is that Mr. Copping still denies what he did to me and others," said girl two. "He hunted me down like an animal, and I tried to escape his filthy grasp. He's not a jolly, fun-loving grandfather who likes to touch others. He's nothing more than a pedophile, and he needs time in prison to reflect on what he's done to me and to others."

Girl three was 9 when Copping molested her, and she cried hard as she spoke. "Where is the line drawn when touchy-feely goes to taking a child's clothes off and touching them?" she asked. "I just hate that this happened. A couple months ago, I saw him walking around Fair Oaks Mall, and it angered me to see him walking free. It scares me to know he's out there and could possibly do this to other children. It's just not fair."

Defense attorney Peter Greenspun then called witnesses on his client's behalf. Copping's daughter, Heather Henry, of Maine, visited with her father during the four months he spent in jail after his arrest and said incarceration was hard on him.

"He seemed unstable mentally and I didn't think he was going to survive," she said. "He was thin and frail. He's better now physically; but emotionally, he's still a mess — very empty inside." Henry called her father family-oriented and supportive of his six grandchildren. She said he'd climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and taken his grandchildren on

several adventurous and educational trips.

She said his first marriage was ending in the late 1990s-2000 and he was drinking. But he later got sober and remarried. When Greenspun asked Henry what she'd say to "the three upset girls in this courtroom," she replied, "I'm sorry about that, but the father I know is absolutely amazing; he's an exceptional parent."

Howard Beiles said his good friend Copping was coming to Fairfax to visit him when he was arrested in Los Angeles. He, too, noted the adverse affects jail had on Copping. Said Beiles: "He was in solitary confinement for his safety, due to the nature of the charges."

But Holt said Copping fooled his friends, keeping his dark side hidden from them. "In reading the letters [sent to Judge Ney on his behalf], they call him an outdoorsman, explorer and adventurer," said Holt. "The commonwealth suggests another adjective also applies to him — sexual molester of children."

While his victims struggled with their futures, said Holt, Copping lived a wealthy and exciting lifestyle. "He had waterfront property on Cape Cod, lived in Jamaica, had success in business and climbed mountains all over the world," said the prosecutor. "After [girl two's father] confronted him outside [a restaurant], what did he do? He went to New Zealand, Australia and Africa and lived a glorious life."

In comparison, said Holt, "All three girls' lives have been changed and have suffered because of him. [Girl one] has emotional scars and has attempted suicide many times. While she wasn't allowed to see friends and do things other children do, what is he doing? He's traveling and living it up."

Holt said girl two thinks about Copping when she plays piano, and girl three "has difficulty building friendships with older people — including her grandparents. He made her and the other girls feel powerless, vulnerable and violated."

He said there's a sentencing agreement of five years prison, suspended, with regard to girl two's case because "she wanted this to end." But he said Copping belongs behind bars.

"Jail is supposed to be hard," said Holt. "He should get five years for the lifetime he

took away from these students. He shouldn't climb a mountain and experience breathing the fresh air. The only ones that should be able to do that are these girls."

Greenspun agreed that "Copping's done wrong; he's done damage. There were over 50 kids who came for piano lessons, and there were some violations of the line between what's OK and what's not. He lost himself; what he did was inexcusable."

Still, said Greenspun, "Sentencing him to five years in prison will never make up for the ongoing damage he's caused. As long as he lives, not a day will go by when he isn't reminded of what he did."

Then, addressing the girls and their parents, Copping stood and said, "I regret the pain I caused you. I know none of you are responsible for any of this — I am. I wish I could undo this damage to you. Ten years ago, I was in a dark place, and I am sorry for what I did. But I am no longer that same man; people do change."

He told Ney his months in solitary gave him time to reflect on his actions, and he asked that he be allowed to continue being a "positive influence" on his children and grandchildren. Then it was Ney's turn to speak.

"There's no sentence sufficient to repay the victims for the harm they've suffered," said the judge. "These children should not have been harmed that way; the damage it caused is irreparable, or continues to be with them every day."

Ney then gave Copping the agreed-upon, five-year, suspended sentence in one case, placed him on a year's supervised probation and ordered him to register as a sex offender and receive sex-offender treatment as ordered by his probation officer. Ney also prohibited him from any contact with the victims or their families.

In the other case, the judge sentenced Copping to five years in prison, suspending 3 and a half years, with the same conditions as in the other sentence. Ney ran the sentences consecutively and the probation concurrently.

"This sentence is above the midpoint of the [state sentencing] guidelines," said Ney. "Yet there's nothing a sentence of even 100 years could do to recompense these young ladies for what they've experienced."

# OPINION

## Either Way, Vote Yes

### Arlington, Fairfax take different approaches to the ballot question on funding for Metro.

The purpose is the same. In Fairfax County, voters will vote up or down on a "transportation bond," in Arlington voters will say yes or no to a Metro and Transportation question.

In Fairfax, the amount is \$120 million; in Arlington, the amount is \$34 million.

Both bond questions leave a lot of wiggle room. Arlington at least is straightforward, calling it "Metro and Transportation." While the question allows the county to spend the money on other things ("other transit, pedestrian, road or transportation projects"), every voter will know the money is intended to fund Metro.

In Fairfax County, the question is far more opaque.

"\$120,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation improvements, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, off-street parking, pedestrian improvements, and ancillary related improvements and

facilities, and including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area allocable to Fairfax County, Virginia pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact."

Oh, of course, "rolling stock" must mean rail cars, and money for Metro, "pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact.

Neither jurisdiction gets an A for transparency here.

But Northern Virginia needs Metro, and needs a healthy Metrorail with enough rail cars to actually carry commuters to work and back, helping to alleviate traffic woes.

WMATA (Metro) continues to operate without a dedicated funding source, despite many efforts. It remains dependent on the cycles of local governments in Northern Virginia, Maryland and D.C. for ongoing funding.

### Congress, State Ballot Questions

All Virginia voters will face three constitutional ballot questions and vote for U.S. House of Representatives. The important thing is to vote. Early voting, in the form of "in-person" absentee voting, is available in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County.

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EDITORIALS

### Lynch Completes Cadet Training

Cadet Charles David Lynch, son of Dr. Chuck and Mrs. Janet (Blum) Lynch of Clifton, completed Cadet Basic Training at the U.S. Military Academy.

Lynch entered West Point on June 28 and has successfully completed six weeks of CBT. Also referred to as "Beast Barracks," CBT is one of the most challenging events a cadet will encounter over the course of their four years at the academy.

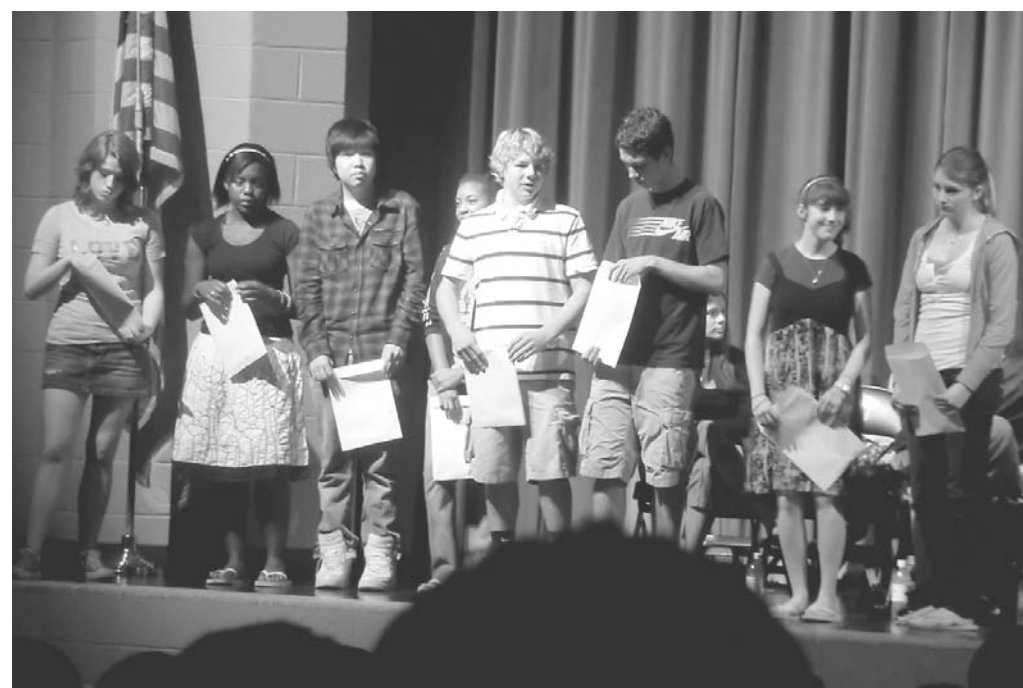


Lynch

The initial military training program provides cadets with basic skills to instill discipline, pride, cohesion, confidence and a high sense of duty to prepare them for entry into the Corps of Cadets. Areas of summer instruction included first aid, mountaineering, hand grenades, rifle marksmanship and nuclear, biological, and chemical training.

Lynch began classes Aug. 16. The West Point curriculum offers 45 majors balancing physical sciences and engineering with humanities and social sciences leading to a bachelor of science degree.

Lynch graduated from Centreville High School in 2009 and attended a year of Engineering School at Virginia Tech before entering the U.S. Military Academy. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2014 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.



### Academic Letters

**A record 414 students were honored at Centreville High School Academic Letters Ceremony on Monday, Sept. 27: More than 20 percent of the student body attained a 3.8 or higher GPA during the 2009-2010 school year. First-time honorees received their Columbia blue "C" logo CVHS academic letter, along with a certificate of recognition, while past recipients received a pin to affix to the logo letters they had received in previous years.**

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# PEOPLE



**From left: Allison Hacker (sister), Eva Hacker (grandmother), Peter Hacker (father), Mallory Hacker Briancesco, Kevin Briancesco, and Mary Ann Hacker (mother).**

## Hacker, Briancesco Marry

**P**eter and Mary Ann Hacker, of Fountain Hills and formerly of Virginia Run, are pleased and happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Mallory to Kevin Briancesco, on July 10, 2010 at The Castle at Ashley Manor in Chandler, Ariz. Officiant was Sean Owen of Fountain Hills, Ariz.

Mallory is known to theater goers in Fountain Hills as Millie in "Thoroughly Modern Millie," Peggy Sawyer in "42nd Street" and Ella Patterson in "Annie Warbucks." She is presently a student at ASU and will graduate in May with a master's in education, English and theater education. The Maid of Honor was her sister, Allison Hacker. Bridal attendants were

Jacqui Notorio, Candace McFetridge, Heather Jacoby, and Michael Stewart.

Kevin is a professor of communications at the Hugh Downs School of Communications at ASU and a published poet. He was also seen recently on stage at Fountain Hills Community Theater, appearing in "Midsummer Dreamin" as Oberon.

Kevin is the son of Georgia Nelson of San Francisco, Calif. Groom's Best Men were Robert Hawkins and Doug Silence; groom's attendants were Carlos Briancesco, Marcos Rutt, Megan Arnold.

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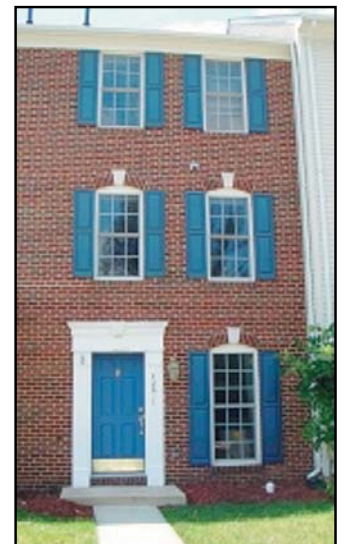
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## Profile In Real Estate – Walter Woodson

“One of the great things about the Virginia countryside,” says Walter Woodson of Sheridan-MacMahon, Realtors in Middleburg, “is the unified appreciation of smart growth shared by folks from all sides of the political spectrum—moving forward, but always with an eye to our heritage and way of life here.”

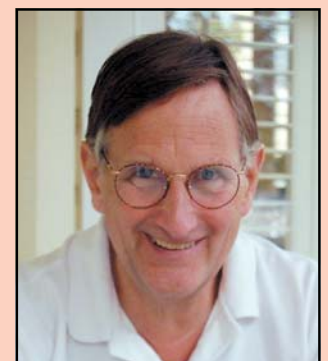
That’s important to Walter and his family who moved to Middleburg in 2004 after 25 years in Old Town and the Fairfax area of Alexandria. “We enjoyed our 25 years in the Alexandria area, but when the opportunity to move west to the country occurred, it was our unanimous decision to strike out for Middleburg and the surrounding country,” says Walter. “We have not looked back.”

After all, the time in the high-pressure world of politics and public affairs, much of it spent as the senior vice president of a major FC based trade association, Walter set his sites on a challenging career, but one that left him the flexibility to be his own man.

“My goal is to help others find their special place in the Virginia countryside. With technological advances, cell phones, with no need to be chained to a desk, I believe many folks can have the best of both worlds—a wonderful life in the country and still have a presence in DC or another suburban area.” Walter says.

“I can not tell you how many people are now living that dream. All it requires is a little initiative to make the first step,” Walter said. “I am ready to help buyers make the first move west, and I remain active with sellers altering their lifestyles in Fauquier, Loudoun, Rappahannock, Clark and other Counties out this way.”

Walter and his wife live in Middleburg. A native North Carolinian, he is a graduate of Woodberry Forest School in Orange, Virginia and New York University. Their daughter is a senior at Sewanee: The University of the South.



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# HOME SALES

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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Subdivision
4966 MARSHALL CROWN RD	4	4	1	CENTREVILLE	\$780,000	Detached	0.20	FAIRLAKES CROSSNG
13428 PEARSON VALLEY LN	5	4	1	CENTREVILLE	\$780,000	Detached	0.31	DEVEREAUX ESTATES
5525 AJUGA CT	5	4	1	CENTREVILLE	\$730,000	Detached	0.18	FAIRCRESS SOUTH
6315 BARNESDALE PATH	7	4	1	CENTREVILLE	\$702,000	Detached	0.79	WESTPORT
13716 JOHNSON AVE	5	4	1	CENTREVILLE	\$624,000	Detached	0.23	RATCLIFFE
15368 WETHERBURN CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$593,000	Detached	0.34	VIRGINIA RUN
6616 PELHAMS TRCE	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$585,000	Detached	0.30	VIRGINIA RUN
15423 MARTINS HUNDRED DR	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$575,000	Detached	0.37	VIRGINIA RUN
5223 ELLICOTT CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$550,000	Detached	0.25	CABELLS MILL
14505 STORE HOUSE DR	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$535,000	Detached	0.27	CENTRE RIDGE
14803 DEER POND CT	5	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$530,000	Detached	0.18	SULLY STATION
5283 ELLICOTT DR	4	4	0	CENTREVILLE	\$526,000	Detached	0.21	CABELLS MILL
13312 TERRYCLOTH LN	5	3	0	CENTREVILLE	\$525,000	Detached	0.14	FAIRCRESS
14706 VIRGINIA INFANTRY RD	5	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$520,000	Detached	0.26	CONFEDERATE RIDGE
5646 POWERS LN	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$514,900	Detached	0.10	SULLY MANOR
15202 HONSENA DR	4	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$495,000	Detached	0.24	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
15401 WHITECHAPEL CT	4	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$495,000	Detached	0.31	VIRGINIA RUN
13709 LELAND RD	5	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$438,000	Detached	0.53	CENTREVILLE FARMS
5637 FAIRCLOTH CT	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.04	SULLY MANOR
14016 WOOD ROCK WAY	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$430,000	Detached	0.16	GREEN TRAILS
5105 SAPHIRE SKY LN	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$428,000	Townhouse	0.00	FAIRCRESS
14503 WILLIAM CARR LN	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$409,000	Detached	0.21	NEWGATE
5615 SHEALS LN	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$408,000	Townhouse	0.04	SULLY MANOR
5304 GRANITE STEP TRL	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$407,000	Townhouse	0.03	FAIRCRESS
13962 TANNERS HOUSE WAY	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$407,000	Townhouse	0.07	TANNERS RIDGE
5433 SEQUOIA FARMS DR	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$405,000	Detached	0.22	SEQUOIA FARMS
14702 SAINT GERMAIN DRIVE	4	4	0	CENTREVILLE	\$399,900	Detached	0.24	NEWGATE FOREST
13513 PRAIRIE MALLOW LN	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$390,000	Townhouse	0.03	FAIRCRESS NORTH
6313 MUSKET BALL DR	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$359,000	Townhouse	0.04	CENTRE RIDGE
14551 LOCK DR	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$350,000	Detached	0.23	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
5317 ROSEMALLOW CIR	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.04	FAIRCRESS
14740 FLOWER HILL DR	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.06	SULLY STATION
13838 BRIDLINGTON CT	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$332,000	Townhouse	0.04	ENGLEWOOD MEWS
6891 KERRYWOOD CIR	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.06	NORTH HART RUN
6304 MARY TODD CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$325,000	Townhouse	0.04	HERITAGE ESTATES
5800 BELCHER FARM DR	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$320,000	Townhouse	0.05	SULLY STATION
13830 WAKLEY CT	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$318,500	Townhouse	0.07	LITTLE ROCKY RUN
14522 CREEK BRANCH CT	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$315,000	Townhouse	0.04	SULLY STATION
14494 PITTMAN CT	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$315,000	Townhouse	0.06	COMPTON VILLAGE
13854 ROCK LANDING CT	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$313,000	Townhouse	0.03	LITTLE ROCKY RUN
6318 MARY TODD CT	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$310,000	Townhouse	0.04	HERITAGE ESTATES
14373 SILO VALLEY VW	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$308,000	Townhouse	0.04	CENTRE RIDGE
6812 COTTINGHAM LN	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$305,000	Townhouse	0.06	CROFTON COMMONS
14084 RED RIVER DR	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$302,000	Townhouse	0.04	HERITAGE ESTATES
13923 MIDDLE CREEK PL	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$300,000	Townhouse	0.05	HERITAGE ESTATES
14113 COMPTON VALLEY WAY	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$297,000	Townhouse	0.04	COMPTON VALLEY ESTATES
14156 COMPTON VALLEY WAY	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$292,000	Townhouse	0.03	COMPTON VALLEY ESTATES
6309 MARY TODD CT	2	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$290,000	Townhouse	0.03	HERITAGE ESTATES
5937 WILD BROOK CT	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$285,687	Townhouse	0.03	LITTLE ROCKY RUN
14324 STONEWATER CT	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$282,500	Townhouse	0.04	COMPTON VILLAGE
14544 WOODGATE MANOR PL	3	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$280,000	Townhouse	0.06	WOODGATE MANOR
14700 CRENSHAW DR	3	1	1	CENTREVILLE	\$280,000	Detached	0.20	COUNTRY CLUB MANOR
14531 STILSBY CT	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$278,000	Townhouse	0.06	CROFTON COMMONS
6169 STONEPATH CIR	3	3	0	CENTREVILLE	\$275,000	Townhouse	0.04	WOODGATE VILLAGE
6210 BATTALION ST	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$275,000	Townhouse	0.03	CENTRE RIDGE
14854 BASINGSTOKE LOOP	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$274,900	Townhouse	0.04	LONDON TOWNE WEST
6127 STONEPATH CIR	4	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$270,000	Townhouse	0.06	WOODGATE VILLAGE
5931 SPRUCE RUN CT	4	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$270,000	Townhouse	0.03	LITTLE ROCKY RUN
5855 WATERDALE CT	2	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$270,000	Townhouse	0.03	LITTLE ROCKY RUN
14519 RAVENSCAR	3	2	1	CENTREVILLE	\$269,000	Townhouse	0.00	CROFTON COMMONS
13843 FOUNT BEATTIE CT	3	2	2	CENTREVILLE	\$268,000	Townhouse	0.03	SINGLETONS GROVE
13902 GUNNERS PL	3	3	2	CENTREVILLE	\$267,500	Townhouse	0.03	SINGLETONS GROVE

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## OBITUARY

### Colonel Pete Nelson

Colonel Pete Nelson, a native of Falls Church, graduated from James Stuart High School in 1974, enlisted in the United States Army on April 7, 1975, and served as an Infantry Soldier until 1980. In 1984 Colonel Nelson graduated from George Mason University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering, and he received a Commission in the U.S. Army. Colonel Nelson's first assignment was as a Platoon Leader of the 299th Engineer Company (Ribbon Bridge). As a First Lieutenant, he was transferred to the Virginia's Army National Guard 176th Engineer Group (Combat), where he served as a Company Commander and various Battalion and Group Staff positions.

Colonel Nelson joined the Active Guard and Reserve program at the National Guard Bureau in 1995 serving in many staff positions in the Army National Guard Directorate, the Department of the Army, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Colonel Nelson's final assignment was as

the Division Chief for the Command and Installations Division, Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate, Deputy Chief of Staff G-8 (Resources).

Colonel Nelson received a master's degree from

the Capitol Institute of Technology in Maryland, is a graduate of the United States Army War College, and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Colonel Nelson's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (5 OLC), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal.

Colonel Nelson served as the Tennis President of the Chantilly National Golf and Country Club. He continued to be an active participant in tennis, snow skiing, SCUBA diving, golf, and he particularly enjoyed sports with grandchildren and friends.

Colonel Nelson is survived by his wife, Ruth Nelson of Centerville; parents, Francis and Waltraut Nelson of Falls Church; daughter, Melanie Doptis of Fairfax; daughter and son-in-law Jessica and Doug Wissinger of Manassas; granddaughter Alexis Wissinger of Manassas; and grandsons Doug (D2) Wissinger of Manassas, and Ethan Doptis of Fairfax.

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### Centerville

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### Chantilly

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13032 Limestone Ct	\$396,000	Sun 1-4	Mario Macaluso	Long & Foster	703-568-5001
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## PEOPLE

# Ratliff, Sorrell Jr. Wed

The marriage of Paris Michelle Ratliff of Martinsville, Va., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ratliff also of Martinsville, to Mr. Michael Ronald Sorrell Jr., formerly of Clifton, and the son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael R. Sorrell, Sr. of Virginia Beach and Gordonsville, took place Aug. 7, 2010 at the West End Assembly of God on North Parham Road in Richmond. The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents in a double ring ceremony. The Rev. William Martin officiated.

The Matron of Honor was Mrs. Nikola Nable-Juris of Baltimore, Md., and the maid of honor was Miss Alisha Niblett of Alexandria. The flower girl was Miss Sophia Ratliff of South Carolina, the niece of the bride.

The bridesmaids were Miss Andrea Gosine of Woodbridge, Va.; Miss Brittany Hodge on Vienna, Va.; and Mrs. Lavonne Pettie of Hampton, Va.

Mr. Anthony Monica of Clifton served as the best man. The groomsmen, Mr. Eric Carlson, Mr. Anthony Clementi, Mr. Andrew Radcliffe, and Mr. Matt Wasserman (all, including the best man, collectively known by their youthful euphemism, "The Dizzles") are also from Clifton and graduated from Centreville High School. The head ushers were UVA undergraduate and graduate buddies of the groom respectively: Mr. David Bowen of Tyler, Texas and Mr. A.J.

Burton of Bethesda, Md.

The groom attended Centreville High School and graduated valedictorian in 2003.

The couple met while undergraduates at the University of Virginia, where they both graduated with honors with degrees in politics and foreign affairs in 2007. Upon graduation from UVA, they both entered law school: the bride attended the T.C. Williams, School of Law, at the University of Richmond and the groom attended the University of Virginia, School of Law, in Charlottesville. The bride graduated with honors from Richmond Law in May 2010; likewise, the groom graduated with distinction from UVA Law in May 2010 and served as executive editor of the Virginia Law Review.

The bride and groom spent the better part of the summer studying for the Virginia Bar Exam which they both took in Roanoke in late July.

The bride plans to serve as an attorney

for the law firm of LeClair Ryan based in Richmond. The groom will serve a one-year clerkship with federal judge, the Hon. Robert E. Payne, of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, in Richmond. The following year the groom will serve as an attorney for the law firm of Covington Burling, LLP, in Washington, D.C.

Since both graduated from UVA, there

was a "ReHOosal" Party, hosted by the groom's parents at Bottoms-Up Restaurant in the Shockoe Slip section of Richmond. The reception, hosted by the bride's parents, was held at The Crossings in Glen Allen. The couple spent their honeymoon in California, touring San Francisco and the Napa Valley.

They are now residing in Richmond.



Michael Ronald Sorrell Jr. and Paris Michelle Ratliff at their wedding.

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## The Western Fairfax County

**Woman's Club** is selling the 2010 White House Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament honors our 25th President, William McKinley. The two-sided ornament commemorates the long history of music in the White House with the Marine Corps band greeting White House guests and entertaining the President and Mrs. McKinley. The 2010 ornaments cost \$19. All profits benefit charity. Order yours now by calling 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216.

## Ladies, do you have a

**Revolutionary Patriot** in your family tree? Membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honors and preserves the legacy of your Patriot ancestor. Any woman is eligible for membership who is no less than 18 years of age and can prove lineal, blood line descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. Admission to membership is by invitation through a Chapter. Interested in learning more? Contact the Lane's Mill Chapter at [lanesmillchapter@hotmail.com](mailto:lanesmillchapter@hotmail.com)

**Craft Vendors** are needed for the Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road. Leased spaces for vendors are going quickly. Book your vendor space now. Contact [novemberbazaar@hotmail.com](mailto:novemberbazaar@hotmail.com) or 703-830-2684.

**New Neighbors League Club (NNLC)** of Northern Virginia is looking for women who are new to the area, looking to reconnect, or just interested in meeting new people for fun and friendship. Come to one of the monthly coffees or luncheons to meet us. Then join one of the numerous clubs such as bridge, couples bridge, mahjong, gardening, quilting and stitching, Bible study, bowling, bunco, Southern living dining, movie outings, cards or board games, couples mixers, book club, nursing home sing-alongs, and many other activities. Visit the Web site [www.newneighborsvirginia.com](http://www.newneighborsvirginia.com) or [Newneighborsleagueclub@yahoo.com](mailto:Newneighborsleagueclub@yahoo.com)

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## THURSDAY/SEPT. 30

**Grand Opening.** 5:30 p.m. Dr. Jason Brown and Dr. Marla Gebaide of Centreville Chiropractic Center are having their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce. Appetizers, refreshments, door prizes and free chair massages. At 13880 Braddock Road, Suite 108, Centreville. Call 703-266-0505.

**Del. Jim LeMunyon Speaks.** 7:30 p.m. The Brookfield Civic Association quarterly meeting will have Del. LeMunyon as a speaker. At Brookfield Elementary School's cafeteria. Visit [www.brookfieldcivic.org](http://www.brookfieldcivic.org).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 1

**WFCM Fellowship Dinner.** 6:30 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Right Rev. Martyn Minns, Founding Missionary Bishop for Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA). To register online, visit [www.wfcmva.org/events.php](http://www.wfcmva.org/events.php). Hurry, seats are limited. Registration closes on Sept. 27. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but there will be an opportunity to give financially. At Fairview Park Marriott Hotel in Falls Church.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 2

**Grand Opening.** Noon. Fighting Fitness Martial Arts School will have Lion Dance demonstrations, free trial workouts, raffles, prizes, and appearances by Fighting Fitness members of the USA WAKO Team. At 14310 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Call 703-786-0446. Visit [www.fightingfitnessllc.com](http://www.fightingfitnessllc.com).

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**Tag Day.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students from the Centreville High School Music Department will be canvassing the neighborhoods to raise funds. Those who contribute will receive a Family Pass for four to a band, orchestra, guitar or choral performance. Donations to support the music program may be made to the Centreville High School Wildcat Band Boosters (CVHS WBB), Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Rd., Clifton, VA 20124. Visit [www.cvhsband.org](http://www.cvhsband.org).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 3

**Get to Know a Great Dane.** Noon to 2 p.m. The Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League will be at Wylie Wagg in the Pender Village Shopping Center, 3903-F Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax. Call 703-830-5454.

**Spain in the American Revolution.** Noon to 4 p.m. Visit Sully Historic Site and discover some well-documented but little known facts about our country's history. Reenactors from the re-created Spanish Louisiana Regiment will present scenes of 18th century military life including musket and cannon firing, Spanish fencing, and camp cooking. Cost is \$6/adults; \$4/

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## OCT. 15-17

**Holiday Job Fair.** Friday and Saturday noon-6 p.m.; Sunday Noon-6 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Will feature representatives from Fair Oaks Mall's department stores, specialty stores and restaurants, who will answer questions, provide applications and set-up interviews. It is a great opportunity for someone who wants to start a new career or just earn some extra income over the holidays.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 17

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## THURSDAY/OCT. 21

**MSV Health Information Technology Summit.** 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Will include educational programs for current electronic health record (EHR) users and those considering EHR adoption. Sponsored by the Medical Society of Virginia (MSV). At Westfields Marriot Washington Dulles, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly. Register at [www.msv.org/HITSummit](http://www.msv.org/HITSummit)

## MONDAY, OCT. 25

**School Boundary Meetings.** 7-9 p.m. The Fairfax County School Board invites parents and interested citizens to participate in the upcoming boundary meetings to discuss options for the 23 elementary schools in the region. At the following schools:

- ❖ Greenbriar West Elementary School, 13300 Poplar Tree Road, Fairfax;
- ❖ Union Mill Elementary School, 13611 Springstone Drive, Clifton;
- ❖ Virginia Run Elementary School, 15450 Martins Hundred Drive, Centreville. Visit <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/southwesternstudy/index.htm>

## TUESDAY, OCT. 26

**School Boundary Meetings.** 7-9 p.m. The Fairfax County School Board invites parents and interested citizens to participate in the upcoming boundary meetings to discuss options for the 23 elementary schools in the region. At the following schools:

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## McConn Receives Ed Gordon Award

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The daughter of Mark and Glenda McConn of Bull Run Estates, Betty spent over 200 hours in helping with chores at the farm, which included caring for the Farm's animals. She also received The President's Volunteer Service Award issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in the American spirit and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service and civic participation.



## SCHOOL NOTES

Centreville High senior **Anna McKittrick** and Westfield High seniors **Elisabeth Bloxam** and **Bryan Trujillo** have been named a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for 2011. All semi-finalists are eligible to compete for 8,400 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$36 million, to be awarded in spring 2011.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## MONTH OF OCTOBER

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## SEPT. 30 TO OCT. 2

**Original Sewing & Quilt Expo.** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Learn from the experts in the field, find new products, project ideas and techniques. Admission is \$10. At the Dulles Expo and Conference Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Visit <http://www.sewingexpo.com/ChantillyVA.aspx> or call 1-800-699-6309.

## OCT. 1 TO 3

**Scouting Fall Camporee.** The annual Sully District Fall Camporee, involving Cub Scout and Boy Scout units from Chantilly, Centreville, and Clifton, will be held at the Claude Moore Park in Sterling. All Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are welcome to participate in this event. This is also a great opportunity for boys who are entering first grade or higher, who are not scouts, to look at joining a Pack or Troop in their area. Events include: GeoCaching Treasure Hunt, Historic Merit Badges, Cub Scout and Webelos Activities, Ultimate Frisbee Tournament, and Campfire and Awards Program. A distinctive patch will be given to each registered person. Contact Loren Lazear, Sully District Camporee Chairman at 703-830-8554 (home); 703-403-3208; [lorenlazear@gmail.com](mailto:lorenlazear@gmail.com) or Mr. Bo Reese, Troop 1104/Clifton Scoutmaster at 703-830-0048 (home); [blreese1@cox.net](mailto:blreese1@cox.net).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 1

**Swing Dancing.** 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, The Fabulettes. Beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

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**Ride for the Kids Charity Event.** 8 a.m. Motorcycle ride starting at Bob Evans Restaurant in Chantilly, 14050 Thunderbolt Pl., Chantilly. The ride ends around noon at Algonkian Regional Park, 47001 Fairway Drive, Sterling, with a barbecue from noon to 2 p.m. To participate in the motorcycle ride alone, NetWitness will collect \$30 from each rider to support INMED. For a \$40 donation, riders can partake in the ride, and will also receive a T-shirt and a ticket to the BBQ. Additional family or friend tickets to the BBQ is \$10/adults; \$5/children. Proceeds will benefit INMED Partnerships for Children. Visit: <http://www.netwitness.com/resources/events/RFTK.aspx>

**Hip Hop Class.** Nationally recognized Hip Hopper – Matt Steffanina is holding Master Classes at Creative Dance Center in Chantilly. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for Intermediate Level, ages 10+ and 6:45 – 8:00 p.m. for Advanced Level, ages 13+. \$20 per session. Creative Dance Center's Chantilly Studio, 14155-E Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Call 703-378-1800 to reserve your spot.

**Discover Space by Day.** 2 to 3 p.m. Delve into the mysteries of the solar system and the science of space. Explore what's going on in the sky using experiments and fun activities. Cost is \$4/person. At Cub Run RECenter, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. To register for this program, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes) or call the registration line at 703-222-4664.

## OCT. 2-3

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## SUNDAY/OCT. 3

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**Animal Rescue Walk.** HART (Homeless Animals Rescue Team) will hold its Fifth Annual Dog Walk and Homecoming. One-mile walk through Bull Run Regional Park Special Events Area. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. This year, the walk will be comprised of individual (with at least a \$25 pledge) and team pledges. The top pledge team will receive a complimentary breakfast from HART. The first 200 registered walkers that turn in a minimum of \$25 in pledges will receive a special souvenir bag. For questions on the walk, how to register, or for sponsorship or vendor information, visit <http://hart90.org/Events/dogwalk2010/dogwalk2010.aspx>

## FRIDAY/OCT. 8

**Swing Dancing.** 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, Sock Drawer Millionaires. Beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

**New Museum Gallery Opens.** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. The Robert E. Petersen Gallery will open at the National Firearms Museum. At 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax. Visit [NRAMuseum.com](http://NRAMuseum.com).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 9

**War of 1812 Muster.** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. See soldiers fire their muskets, and then gather with other recruits as a veteran sergeant teaches musket drill. Watch as the Navy exercises the great gun (a six-pounder cannon!) and visit with the ship's surgeon to find out about early medical practices on land and sea. Members of the Maryland Light Dragoons demonstrate how horses were used in battle. At Sully Historic Site in Chantilly. Cost is \$8/adults; \$6/children. Call 703-437-1794.

**Ceili Dances.** 7 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$12/ members; \$6/youngsters; \$25/family. Featuring the Bog Wanderers Ceili Band and Friends. Ceili and Set Dances are called by Marilyn Moore. Teaching session from 7 to 7:30 p.m. At Frying Pan Park Visitors Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Call 703-437-9101 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp/>

## SUNDAY/OCT. 10

**Clifton Day.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now in its 44<sup>th</sup> year, more than 200 vendors will be selling crafts, jewelry, furniture and fine arts. This year will feature an Oktoberfest with beer, bratwurst, and other Bavarian-style foods. On Main Street in the Town of Clifton. Visit [www.cliftonday.com](http://www.cliftonday.com)

## FRIDAY/OCT. 15

**Swing Dancing.** 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, Caz and the Commotions. Beginner swing lesson 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 16

**K-9 Krawl 5K.** 8:30 a.m. check-in; 9 a.m. walk begins. A dog walk to increase awareness between domestic violence and link to animal cruelty. At the Fairfax County Government Center, Parking Lot C. Call 703-814-7009 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Fall Game Day.** 11 a.m. \$2 admission fee. The Northern Virginia Gamers (NOVAG) will host their annual Fall Game Day at the Game Parlor, 13936 Metro Tech Drive, Chantilly. The event will feature games using miniature figures to re-fight historical battles from the American Civil War and World War II. Contact Tim Tilson at 703-273-9436. Visit [www.novag.org](http://www.novag.org).

**Clifton Barn Dance.** 7:30 p.m. Couples \$35; singles \$25 (adults only). Make checks payable to the CBA and mail to: Linda Diseati, 7590 Maple Branch Rd, Clifton VA 20124. At the Clifton Barn, on Main Street in the Town of Clifton.

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# Chargers, Wildcats Remain Unbeaten in Football

## Chantilly, Centreville set to hit the road this Friday night.

BY RICH SANDERS  
CENTRE VIEW

**T**he Chantilly and Centreville High football teams remain unbeaten through four games.

The Chargers soundly defeated visiting W.T. Woodson last Friday night, 45-19. Meanwhile, Centreville, playing at home, won a barn-burner over visiting South County, 32-28.

Both of the local teams will be looking to make it five wins in a row this Friday night. The Chargers, who will play their next three games on the road, will be at Hayfield. Centreville, meanwhile, will travel to Mount Vernon.

Chantilly dominated Woodson from the start, scoring four first quarter touchdowns to take a commanding 28-0 lead.

On the night, Carson Romine, the Chantilly quarterback, passed for two touchdowns and ran for two more to lead the Chargers' attack. Chantilly also benefited from a running game that accumulated close to 200 yards,

with Jimmy Hicks gaining 88 to lead the way. Hicks ran for a score and also caught an aerial for a touchdown.

Chantilly's defense accounted for a touchdown — that coming on a 25-yard interception return by senior defensive back Devon Westerman.

Chantilly led at halftime, 42-6.

"I was extremely pleased with how the team executed both on defense and offense in the first half," said Chantilly coach Mike Lalli. "We took care of the ball on offense and were opportunistic on defense with the interception return for a touchdown. The players played hard and took advantage of opportunities to make plays."

Lalli realized going into the season the Chargers had potential to do big things this fall. He said the outstanding start is a result of good execution and hard work by his players.

"We expected to be competitive and felt like we had a good core of players that could make plays," he said. "The players have taken ownership on becoming disciplined and trying to execute the scheme and game plans. Our goal each week is to come out and compete and do the best we can. If we do that the wins should take care themselves."

Against Hayfield this Friday night, Chantilly is meeting a 2-2 team coming off a tough 17-

16 loss to Yorktown.

"They are a disciplined team with a sound scheme both offensively and defensively," said Lalli, of the Hawks. "They have some athletic ability they will challenge us on an individual level. We hope to continue doing what we have done and execute and take care of the ball and minimize our penalties. If we are able to do that then we are confident we can compete with Hayfield."

**THE CENTREVILLE WILDCATS** received a huge game from running back Manny Smith in their come-from-behind win over South County. The junior rushed for 227 yards and two touchdowns on 39 carries.

"Manny Smith is the key," said South County coach Pete Bendorf. "They are very patient and will give him the ball even if you slow them down. He is a strong kid that wears you down as the game goes on."

Centreville improved to 4-0 under first year coach Chris Haddock.

"We are all very excited about the win last Friday night," said Haddock. "South County is an excellent team with extraordinary athletes. Their record does not indicate what kind of team they have."

South County (1-3) jumped out to a 14-6 lead after one quarter. But after three quarters they trailed, 18-14, before both teams

scored a pair of touchdowns in a wild west fourth quarter scoring fest.

"Centreville has a nice squad this year," said Bendorf. "They have limited their mistakes. They don't turn the ball over."

Centreville QB Chance Roman threw two touchdown passes - a 30-yard strike to Connor Coward, and a 57-yard hook-up to Ken Ekanem. The signal caller also ran for a score in the win.

South County, leading 14-6 in the first half, committed some costly turnovers that helped Centreville get back into the game.

"We are our own worst enemy," said Bendorf. "We had two fumbles that we lost while protecting the lead."

Other mistakes hurt the Stallions — their inability to convert a late game fourth-and-one play, costly penalties, and other mishaps.

South County scored two special teams touchdowns — a 50-yard punt return by Marcus Thomas, and an 80-yard kick return by Ryan Taylor. The Stallions' defense also accounted for a score when Nicholas Hicks returned a fumble 21 yards to open the game's scoring. But it was not enough.

"We made some special teams mistakes," said Haddock. "However, South County had a lot to do with that. I was very proud of the

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# Westfield Triumphant at Oatlands

## Centreville girls finish third; Chantilly sophomores lead Charger boys.

BY RICH SANDERS  
CENTRE VIEW

**L**ocal cross country runners from Chantilly, Centreville and Westfield High Schools accounted for numerous highlights at last Saturday's renowned, mid-season Oatlands Invitational in Leesburg. The spectacular, showcase event is known as the second leg of the Virginia high school cross country triple crown.

At the annual Oatlands meet, high school teams from throughout Virginia as well as other states compete in a variety of races on the scenic 5K course set on the grounds of Leesburg's historic plantation. The course is mostly grass with rolling hills as well as some wooded trails. There are also two creek crossings in which runners must navigate. This year's Invitational, which took place on a hot, autumn day, was hosted by both Tuscarora High of Leesburg and Freedom High of South Riding.

Earlier day races included two JV Frosh/Sophomore (separate boys and girls races) competitions; two JV Junior/Senior races (boys and girls); two varsity B races (boys, girls) and two varsity A races (boys, girls). In all, 97 schools, both public and private, participated. Most of the schools were from Virginia and several from around the metropolitan area as well.

**THE WESTFIELD GIRLS**, competing in the 46-school varsity 'B' race, captured first place with 189 points, finishing ahead of second place McLean (242). Cross-

town rival Centreville (248), meanwhile, earned third place while Heritage of Leesburg (259) and Osbourn Park (276) earned fourth and fifth place finishes. Other top 10 team finishers included: sixth place T.C. Williams, seventh place South County and 10th place Stone Bridge.

Westfield junior Lauren Hicks earned a top 25 medal with her sixth place overall finish in a field of 320 runners. She timed at 20:55. Although the Bulldogs did not have any other top 25 finishers, they did have strong outings from sophomore Reagan Warrington (26th place), senior Brianna Berling (46th), junior Leidy Arias (68th), and sophomore Taylor Schwenke (76th).

"Our girls had a pretty solid performance on Saturday," said Westfield coach Kelly Deegan. "Lauren [Hicks] has never run on the course before but I thought she looked strong throughout her race and handled the hills well. Reagan did a great job, especially under the warm racing conditions."

Earlier in the morning, the Westfield girls' JV underclassmen earned a third place team finish.

**THIRD PLACE CENTREVILLE**, competing in the varsity girls' 'B' race, placed three runners in the top 25. Those athletes, each of whom earned medals, were: senior Juli Cuomo (fifth place, 20:46), sophomore Isabella Medina (13th) and senior Rachel Brown (22nd). Joanna Ahn (77th), a sophomore, was the fourth Centreville runner to cross the finish line.

The team's fifth runner, Elizabeth Ellis, was not

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**Westfield High's Lauren Hicks led the Bulldogs with a sixth-place finish at the Oatlands meet.**



# SPORTS

## Chargers, Wildcats Unbeaten

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way we handled the adversity of a few big plays. We gave up a fumble for a touchdown, a kickoff return for a touchdown and a punt return for a touchdown. On most nights any one of those things would have been devastating but our kids kept fighting, hung in there and never stopped believing we could win.”

The highlight on offense for South County was the strong ball carrying of running back Andrew Rector, who rushed for 204 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries.

“We are very up and down,” said Bendorf. “I can’t put my finger on it right now. The kids’ effort has been very good. We just need to continue to focus on getting better during the week.”

While Haddock is pleased with his team’s 4-0 start,

he realizes there is a long season still ahead and much to accomplish.

“Starting 4-0 is great and our team and program needed this to gain confidence in what we do,” he said. “We also know that we have many difficult games ahead of us and we want to keep working on the little things it takes to get better.”

The coach was impressed with what he saw watching film of the Mount Vernon Majors — the Wildcats’ next opponent.

“They are another athletic team,” he said. “Watching them on film, they play very hard and have some weapons. We have played or scrimmaged three of the same opponents so that should help us gauge their team a bit. It is always a test to go on the road and play your best.”

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counted in the scoring as a result of accidentally forgetting to put her timing chip on her shoe.

Centreville had an outstanding meet despite being without two of its varsity runners — senior captain Brynna Heflin, who is battling shin splints, and sophomore Rebecca Vinter, who is coming back from an ankle injury.

“We are very proud of our girl’s team,” said Centreville coach Kelley Devlin. “The group ran a great and tough race.”

Cuomo, a team captain, had an excellent game plan according to her coach. “She ran a gutsy race and stuck to her race plan to be with the front runners,” said Devlin, of the top Wildcat finisher. “She has a big season ahead. She’s an incredible leader for our girls group. She organized and led summer practices, and has done a wonderful job encouraging and motivating our girl’s team.”

Medina, the 13th place finisher, is building on last year’s momentum when she put together a solid season as a freshman.

“Isabela was our number two runner last year and is off to a great start,” said Devlin. “She actually was out of the country for three weeks in August and has been playing a little bit of catch up, but did a wonderful job on Saturday. She never gives up and has a wonderful competitive spirit in her.”

Devlin said Brown’s outing at Oatlands played a key role in the Wildcats garnering third place.

“She finished very well in the competitive field and ran an aggressive race that helped her team with the top three finish,” said Devlin.

Centreville had two talented freshman runners — Kylie Cuomo and Leilani Boren — place in the top 20 in the girls’ underclassmen race.

### CVHS SPORTS NOTEBOOK

**Football:** The varsity football team improved to 4-0 on the season with an exciting 32-28 victory over South County Secondary School last Friday, Sept. 24. In a game that went back and forth all night long and saw neither team lead by more than eight points, junior Manny Smith ran for a 35-yard touchdown late in the 4th quarter to put Centreville up for good. Smith finished the game with 237 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns. The Wildcats next play this Friday night, Oct. 1 at Mount Vernon HS. Game time is 7:30.

**Volleyball:** Centreville’s varsity Lady Wildcats continued their struggle on Monday, Sept. 20 at home against South County, losing to the Stallions 22-25, 18-25, 16-25. The Centreville freshmen and JV teams split their results with the freshmen winning 23-25, 25-16, 15-13, and the JV team losing 13-25, 11-25. On Thursday, Sept. 23, the varsity Lady Wildcats lost again to Langley, 3-0. Their current record is 0-5 for the season. The varsity volleyball team will play at Flint Hill HS on Wednesday night, Sept. 29 at 7:15.

**Field Hockey:** In non-district play on Thursday, Sept. 23, the JV field hockey Lady Wildcats controlled their game offensively. Led by sophomore Lindsay Egbers, who scored the goal, the JV team won the game 1-0 on their home turf against Washington & Lee of Arlington. Strong players on offense were sophomore Brooke Peterson, Abbie Fornadel and McKensie Islin. The varsity Lady Wildcats’ field hockey team maintained a strong control on offense, but fell in a heartbreaking 1-0 loss. Offensive leaders for the night included junior Amanda Villanueva and senior Sasha Roche. Defensive strength came from junior Christa Guh and senior Mary Kate Goff. Senior goalie Brittanie Peterson had 9 saves. There were 7 corners and 4 shots on goal.

In their game on Monday, Sept. 20, the varsity Lady Wildcats lost at home against Chantilly, 4-0. The varsity field hockey team is 3-5, and will next play on Monday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon HS.

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Since I can't write individually to all you Kenny-column-responders, to express my gratitude for your cards, letters, e-mails, thoughts, prayers, inclusion on Mass cards, offers of assistance and general well-wishes, let me take this opportunity – and space – to do so – right now!

Of all the hundreds of columns I have written over the past nearly 13 years of doing so, none of them has resonated with and motivated my readers as much as my "cancer columns" (as I call them). The reaction to them has been overwhelming, and empowering – for me. What I feel from that response is difficult to articulate, exactly. It's a kind of strength, a courage I've gained to fight this battle, and a belief that this strength comes, in some way, from the many readers who have shared their own cancer experiences with me or who have shared the experiences of others with whom they are close – many of whom unfortunately have fought similar battles to the ones I've written about.

Not that I started writing these "cancer columns" because I thought they would serve some greater good. Hardly. I started writing them because doing so came naturally to me, and because I was consumed by the subject matter; joking about cancer or attempting to lighten up the incredibly heavy load I was unexpectedly carrying, seemed to help put one emotional foot in front of the other. As I was told numerous times: "Kenny, it's all about you now." And so, these columns were/are just another response to this oft-repeated advisory.

So these columns have been and are about me – and cancer. But, from what I'm reading and hearing from you readers, they are so much more. They are about connecting with people, offering hope and sharing. And in that sharing, it's like we're all going on a journey together. And it's that togetherness – and journey, that is mattering more and more every day, as I continue to receive your correspondence.

I have to admit though, this whole cancer-patient experience has been unbelievable. People have been so amazing to me. The vibe I feel from friends, acquaintances, family, co-workers, readers and health care professionals, has consistently been above and beyond the call of anyone's duty. Far exceeding any kind of dream – wild or otherwise, I might have had when this cancer diagnosis/prognosis first reared its extremely ugly head back in February 2009.

When I started chemotherapy in early March 2009, I was given a rather grim prognosis: 13 months to two years. Moreover, I was not given much reason to hope. At the initial "Team Lourie" meeting with my oncologist, it was quite clear what I was told, stunning in fact: "Maybe you should take that vacation you've always dreamed of." Still, I didn't know what to expect exactly. Nineteen months later, to the extent I have beaten the odds, (as frequently discussed with my oncologist) and outlived my diagnosis, it is in large measure a result of the connection I feel to you readers. When people you don't know or have never met, offer the kind of warmth and encouragement you all have, its effect is almost beyond words, even though I've tried (I'm a writer, after all; I can't help myself).

In the epic mini-series, "Lonesome Dove," at the end of part three, as Augustus McCray (Robert Duvall) said, while he lay dying in a doctor's office in Culver City, to his long time partner, Woodrow Call (Tommy Lee Jones): "It's been a hell of a ride, Woodrow."

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After collaborating for six months, Uribe faced another challenge: finding a publisher. In the end, she decided to self publish the book.

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When she's not practicing accordion or

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